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The Cal Young Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Editor: Jenica Cogdill

Summer 2006

CY to throw crime a going away party



A community potluck picnic is planned to give Cal Young residents a chance to meet their neighbors and local police force.

Picnic planned to celebrate Cal Young community

When was the last time you participated in a three-legged or sack race?

You'll have a chance to try both at a Cal Young community potluck picnic on Tuesday, August 1.

The Cal Young community is invited to the potluck picnic to observe the 23rd annual National Night Out Against Crime. The event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Bond Lane Park, which is located off Norkenzie Road, just north of Cal Young Road.

The purpose of the picnic is to build neighborhood unity and strengthen police-community partnerships to fight for a safer community.

Members of the Eugene Police Department will be on hand to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and answer questions about crime in the Cal Young neighborhood.

Everyone is asked to bring their own paper products (plates, forks, cups, etc), lawn chairs or blankets, and a potluck item with serving utensil that corresponds to their last name: A-D soda or juice; E-J salad or side dish; K-S casserole or main dish; T-Z dessert.

National Night Out will involve over 9,500 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 31 million people are expected to participate in America's Night Out Against Crime on this August 1st.

For more information about National Night Out, contact Sandra Koubele with the Eugene Police Department at 682-5757. For more information about crime prevention in the Cal Young area, contact the EPD at 682-5137. For more information about the potluck picnic, please contact Jenica Cogdill at 954-9633.

Graffiti increasing at local skate park

By Jenica Cogdill

The frequency of graffiti and general vandalism incidents at the Cal Young Sports Park is on a fast upward trend.

Real fast.

"Vandalism and graffiti appear to have increased a great deal over the past year," said Parks and Open Space Park Amenities Supervisor Richard Zucker.

A crew of full-time city staff is assigned to maintain the 100-plus parks and open spaces in Eugene. They typically visit parks every day or two to visually inspect play structures for safety issues, check for vandalism, and remove trash as needed.

Because this park is adjacent to Cal Young Middle School, the 4-J maintenance staff shares the burden. School staff maintains the site Monday through Friday and Parks staff checks it on holidays and



weekends, or whenever vandalism has been reported. Park Amenities Lead Worker Jeff Hanson says that lately this seems to be several times a week.

"It's the latest hangout, so we count on park users to report incidents," Hanson said. "We've all got to keep our eyes open."

Jack Backes with the Eugene Police Department stated that offenders are

charged with Criminal Mischief and are fined per incident.

"If someone tags four walls, that's four incidents," Hanson said.

To report incidents in progress, call the non-emergency police line at 682-5111. To report graffiti and vandalism in parks, call the Eugene Parks and Open Space offices at 682-4800.



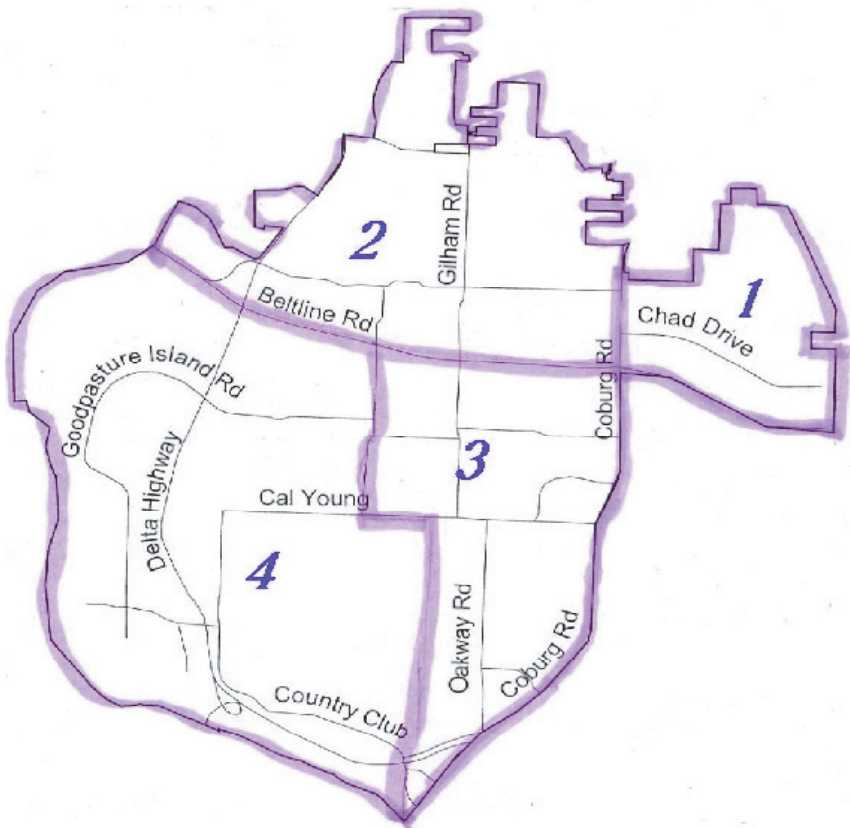
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CYNA Outgoing President’s Message



As the past president of the CYNA I wish to thank all of you who have attended meetings, called with questions/ suggestions and helped rebuild the CYNA to its present level.

resident has agreed to take Lori’s place and hopefully he will consider running for the position in January.

I’m going to continue to be actively involved in neighborhood activities as I have 55 years of my life vested in the neighborhood, and quite honestly I’m not leaving.

A special thanks to the North Delta Neighborhood group, who accounted for a large portion of the over 200 people in attendance at the last neighborhood meeting. Your organization and respectfulness, on what is a very important issue was greatly appreciated. Anne Simas and Scott Almos, thanks, I truly appreciated the respect you gave to the process surrounding the Delta Ridge land use issue. I’m sure that as things regarding the hospital issue progress, that all those who have a vested interest will feel that they were treated fairly in the process. Again, if any group, particularly those north of Beltline Hwy, would like to form their own neighborhood group, city staff and city councilors are in support as the current CYNA is too large to be as effective as it could be if it were a smaller area.

In closing, thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President of the CYNA for the past 18 months. Please stay involved, growth is happening and will continue to occur in our area, and if you want a say on how it occurs you have to stay involved and informed.

Thank You
John H Brown

I’m a firm believer that the position of President should not be held by any one individual for too long a time, so as to allow for others to help keep our neighborhood livable and our residents informed and active in the decision making that affects current and future actions in our neighborhood. Therefore, I resigned from the position of President in June, and the Executive Committee appointed Sheryl Balthrop, who was VP, to the position of President. I was appointed to the VP position and will serve the remaining term which expires in January 07. Sheryl is highly qualified and hopefully she will consider running for the position in January when we have elections.

A huge thank you to Lori Gannon who is leaving the area. Lori has served as the Secretary/Treasurer, and she is the major reason for the success of the neighborhood group. Lori will be missed not only as an important contributor to the CYNA but as a great neighbor. We wish Lori and her family the best in her relocation. Mike Reeder, a local attorney and area

CYNA Incoming President’s Message



Greetings
Neighbors!

It is my honor to serve as the new President of the Cal Young Neighborhood Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself.

I am a business attorney. I am committed to community service and am active in a wide variety of service organizations and nonprofits. My husband and I are raising four children in the Cal Young area and treasure the special environment this neighborhood affords its residents.

I would like to recognize the exemplary service of former President John Brown. John Brown served as our Association’s tireless advocate and leader. He reinvigorated the Association. He encouraged participation and improved the forum in which we come together, share concerns and learn how to improve our community. John’s dedication benefited us all and was and is greatly appreciated.

Our community faces a number of significant issues including construction projects, safety issues, and the land use application proposed by McKenzie-Willamette/Triad for the RiverRidge property. I encourage you all to become involved, attend the meetings and voice your opinion. You can make a difference.

Sheryl Balthrop

CYNA Welcomes Newest Officer



Hello!

My name is Mike Reeder and I recently joined CYNA as the new Treasurer/Secretary. My wife, Kim, and I returned to the area a few months ago after living in south-

ern Oregon for a few years and it’s good to be back.

We enjoy being outside. This summer, I’m training for my third marathon and so I’m glad to live in a place with bike and running trails. I heard last week that Eugene is the “world’s greatest city for the arts and outdoors” and I think that’s true.

Another thing that makes Eugene a great place to live is our Neighborhood

Associations.

Your Executive Committee works hard to reach the goals of the organization and to promote community education. I have big shoes to fill but I look forward to working with them to help make our Association even better. I’m excited to get involved and encourage you to do the same. Whether it’s in your city, neighborhood, church, or school, there’s always room for more helping hands.

Kim and I love the Cal Young area. Our son, Adam, is only 10 months old but we are happy to be in a wonderful school district with lots of opportunities for him to thrive in years to come.

I hope we will be able to meet many of you at the potluck picnic on August 1. Come introduce yourself and let me know how we can improve our Association.

Until then,
Mike Reeder

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sheryl@oregonlegalteam.com

* Vice-President:
John H. Brown, 343-3403

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Area 4 Representative:
Steve Walker, 344-4545

Neighborhood Leaders Council:
Steve Swenson, 344-0129

* Indicates change since previous
general meeting

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING on Thursday, April 27

Sheldon Community Center
7-9:05 p.m., Attendance: 203

Presentations:

- Traffic impact survey report for Delta/ Beltline interection
- North Delta Neighbors - against proposed hospital location
- McKenzie Willamette - in favor of proposed hospital location
- Items from the floor

Voted:

- CYNA is not in favor of the proposed hospital location: 194:8

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING on Tuesday, May 9

Sheldon Community Center
5:30-6:30 p.m., Attendance: 9

Discussed:

- Candidate articles and submission requirements
- Secretary/Treasurer vacancy
- Proper use of meeting sign-in sheets and contact information
- Compilation of neighborhood e-mail addresses for possible electronic updates
- Upcoming general meeting agenda
- Possible use of remaining CYNA general funds, lawn signage

Voted:

- John Brown resigned as President
- Vice-President Sheryl Balthrop was appointed to President for remainder of the term

AGENDA OF UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING on Thursday, July 27

Sheldon Community Center
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

- Area crime update by EPD
- Review proceedings of proposed hospital site public hearing
- Presentation on water safety by Lance County Search and Rescue
- Update on summer construction projects in or affecting area
- Candiate forum
- Items from the floor

NEWSLETTER POLICY STATEMENT

This is the official newsletter of the Cal Young Neighborhood Association. Newsletters are published and mailed courtesy of the City of Eugene.

Newsletters are produced by neighborhood volunteers and are free to residents and businesses of the neighborhood.

Space is available for letters to the editor with editorial comment from neighbors. All signed letters will be published as space permits. Editorials express the author’s views, not the position of the Neighborhood Association, the City’s elected officials, or city staff.

Send letters to the editor at
CYNAeditor@gmail.com or
2210 Wildwood St., 97401

Lawn signs to remind, promote CYNA meetings

Keep an eye out for several new lawn signs to be placed in conspicuous locations around the area to help remind neighbors about upcoming general meetings.

Cal Young Neighborhood Association General Meetings are held each quarter, on the fourth Thursday of the month at Sheldon Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. See you there!

Summer family movies in parks

Grab your favorite lawn blanket and head to the park this summer for a classic family movie. These free events are sponsored by the City of Eugene Recreation and begin about 9 p.m. Popcorn is provided and subtitles are available for the hearing impaired.



July 7: **The Princess Bride** (PG) at Amazon
July 14: **Babe** (G) at Petersen Barn Park, 870 Berntzen
July 28: **Love Bug** (G) at Washington

Park, 19th and Washington Streets
August 4: **Whale Rider** (PG13) at Monroe Park, Broadway and Monroe Streets, with a fire dancing presentation before movie.
August 11: The original **Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** (G) at Washington Park, located at 19th and Washington Streets
August 18: **Wallace and Gromit** (G) at Petersen Barn Park, 870 Berntzen Rd
August 25: **De Regreso A Casa** (Homeward Bound) in Spanish at Monroe Park, Broadway and Monroe Streets.

Council meetings available on web

From www.eugene-or.gov

The City of Eugene is redoubling its effort to make online access to local government flexible, functional and timely.

Since the introduction of the portal in July 2005, staff has been working hard to enhance and add services that will improve the usability of the site for all. In June, the City took another big step forward in this effort when it officially launched a new online feature: City Council webcasts.

Beginning with the 5:30 p.m. work session, City Council meetings and work sessions will be broadcast live on the City’s website. In addition to the live broadcasts, an archive of past City Council webcasts will be available.

These archived meetings will be indexed by agenda item, enabling users to select a specific agenda item without having to search through an entire meeting for the desired topic.

To access past and present meeting webcasts, locate the links at the bottom of the City’s main web page (www.eugene-or.gov). For more information about this new feature, contact Council Coordinator Lynda Rose at 682-5017.

New park scheduled for Cal Young



Creekside Park, to be built next year, will be located near Gilham Road, off Crimson.

By Justin Grishkin, Eugene Parks and Open Space Planning

Cal Young will welcome an additional park next year.

Creekside Park will be a 3.17-acre neighborhood park located at the far north edge of Eugene’s Cal Young neighborhood, one block west of Gilham Road, off Crimson.

The City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division purchased the property in 2000 using funds from the 1998 Parks and Open Space bond measure. Parks SDC (Systems Development Charge) funding

is now available for improvements to Creekside Park.

Typically, Parks and Open Space staff will host two or three public workshops aimed at closely involving the neighborhood in setting the direction for the park design. The process generally takes four to six months, depending on a number of factors. The focus of the first workshop is to share with the neighborhood some general information about parks, and gather input from neighbors and interested parties to help inform the design process.

After the first workshop is complete,

a report will be prepared and shared on the city’s webpage for Creekside Park (<http://www.eugene-or.gov/parkprojects>). Parks and Open Space staff will then prepare a draft concept plan for the park based on information collected at the first workshop.

The neighborhood will be invited back for a second workshop to evaluate the draft concept plan. A third workshop may occasionally be held if there are major changes to be made, otherwise staff will modify the plan based on feedback and proceed with construction plans. The current schedule calls for Creekside Park to be constructed in the summer/fall of 2007.

Neighborhood parks, which serve residents within about a half-mile (10-minute) safe walking distance, include the following: a children’s play area, accessible pathways, park furniture such as benches, picnic tables, and trash receptacles, and open space for recreation and relaxation.

A neighborhood park may also include a variety of optional items such as pedestrian lighting, basketball court, habitat restoration, landforms, art, etc.

Neighborhood parks are considered primarily walk-to or bike-to facilities, and typically do not include the following: restrooms, off-street parking, programmed athletics, skateparks, dog off-leash areas, and other facilities that attract visitors from a distance greater than the park’s service area.

For more information about the project, please contact the City of Eugene’s Parks and Open Space Division, 682-4800.

Letter to the Editor

I am a North Delta Neighbor living in Lakeridge. I just read all of the Courier, and there is a question burning to be asked about the “---calm, respectful or cancelled” article. Where on earth did the idea come from that those negatives might be displayed by these people at the coming meeting?

I have never known anyone here to express a lack of respect, out-of-control emotionalism, heated, hateful, and on and on, at all, and we’ve had some ups and downs to address in the park, as groups often or even usually do. They are the epitome of self-control, courtesy, respect, and very caring and supportive. And they are not mentally retired, as it were, either, but good, thinking people.

Actually, while I was dismayed as the article went on, it kind of made me chuckle after a bit, and I think you, too, would smile if you knew these folks, which you will, I surmise. Please rest assured that there won’t be any rudeness or lack of courtesy, but only respect, kindness and courtesy shone.

We all - all groups - want information, want to share that which we may have, and want only that which will best serve all the people of Eugene in the best and most unselfed and balanced way possible, free of personal desires/likes and dislikes, which are the things that lead most often to hostility and all the et ceteras of a personal sense of a question.

Most sincerely, Carol Boggs

*Editor’s Note: The Executive Board was indeed pleased with the manner in which meeting and the vote was held. We thank all who attended and spoke. Especially, we appreciated the respect shown for both sides of the issue.

Volunteers help minimize speeding in residential areas

Submitted by Neighborhood Service Staff

Ever wish there was something you could do to help slow down drivers who speed through your neighborhood?

There is!

The City of Eugene uses the three E’s: enforcement, engineering, and education, to help deal with this neighborhood’s safety and livability issues.

You’ve seen the motorcycle cops (enforcement) and traffic calming features such as speed humps and bump-outs (engineering). And you can be part of the education program.

Neighborhood Services and the Police Department work together to sponsor a volunteer radar program.

Volunteers can be out monitoring as often as they have time at their convenience.

Volunteers are trained to use radar guns to measure vehicle speed, and working with another volunteer, collect other information about the incident.



“I have driven more carefully and have taken better note of posted speed limits.”

A letter is then sent from the appropriate Neighborhood Association to the registered owner of the vehicle sharing the information and asking them to slow down.

“This is an educational program rather than enforcement program. It’s designed to help citizens monitor their own neighborhoods and remind drivers to respect posted limits.”

Over the years that this program has been in place, the city has received letters such as the following: “Thank you for your time and energy in regard to the speed of which I was driving on February 3rd. I have driven more carefully and have taken better note of posted speed limits. Please accept my apologies as I don’t believe it should happen again.”

Be a part of the solution. If you would like to attend an upcoming training, learn to use the radar guns, and volunteer for the program, please contact Brenda Schmidt to enroll. She can be reached at 682-5444 or via e-mail brenda.s.schmidt@ci.eugene.or.us.

Candidate forum scheduled

Once again, in an effort to educate and inform members of the CYNA, space was provided in this edition for any candidate who wished to submit a statement and photo. State Senate, State Representative, and Congress candidates whose constituency includes the Cal Young area were personally contacted and invited to submit a statement and photo. Time will be provided in the upcoming CYNA general meeting on Thursday, July 27 for a candidate forum. Participating candidates have yet to be determined.



Vicki Walker
State Senate
7th District (D)

While I served as the Secretary and Treasurer of the CYNA, the group kept our commitment to a livable community through open and honest government and by giving all neighbors a seat at the table, regardless of the size of their pocketbook. It seems as if Salem could stand to learn a few of the lessons we applied here in our own backyard.

In Cal Young, we welcome new and growing businesses that want to be long-term members of our community. Unfortunately, some members of the legislature are more interested in giving away our hard-earned tax dollars to big corporations without accounting for how they spend our money. That's why last session I voted against over \$200 million in special interest tax breaks, and cracked down on predatory lenders who prey on our families when they are at their most vulnerable.

Here at home, we stretched every dollar for our parks and schools, but in Salem too much money was going to the wrong places. That's why I led the fight to reform Education Service Districts and end golden parachute contracts for school administrators—so that more money would go to classrooms like Gilham Elementary, Willagillespie, Cal Young and Sheldon.

The fabric of our neighborhood was made stronger by our commitment to look out for each other, but in Salem it's often every powerful interest for themselves. That's why I called for a special session to end gas price gouging and passed legislation to stop utilities from collecting excess taxes from ratepayers.

I hope you'll give me the honor of serving you for another four years in the State Senate so I can continue to bring more accountability to state government and share the lessons of Cal Young that have forged a great neighborhood that we're proud to call home.



Jim Torrey
State Senate
7th District (R)

Each of our neighborhoods have distinct characteristics but how sad that more and more the common denominator that binds them is an increase in property crimes and identity theft often by young people under the influence of meth cooks.

I have long held the view that effective schools where families and the community are welcome and involved would halt much of today's crime. I have spent much of my public life promoting public safety policies which address the root causes of crime such as positive activities for youth to keep them away from trouble in the first place.

During my two terms as mayor of Eugene I helped expand our library system and working with the city of Eugene and the Eugene School Districts provided playgrounds for children and athletic playing fields for our middle and high school students. I led the effort to establish after school programs to keep youth off the streets and involved in positive activities in the high crime periods between 3 and 6 p.m.

Much of what I accomplished was brought about by working with people to get consensus. On the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council, the Eugene Police, Lane County Sheriff's Department, Oregon State Police, state and county juvenile departments and local and rural school districts all came together and worked towards a common goal.

The well being of our neighborhoods and communities will remain my priority when I am elected to the Oregon Senate. It makes no sense to reduce state funds for facility beds and release young offenders with no purpose other than to come back into our neighborhoods to commit crimes. It does make sense to increase the number of State Police and toughen penalties for crimes committed against our children and by offenders who should be held and treated for their addictions.

I look forward to working with you for safe, healthy neighborhoods.



Nancy Nathanson
State Rep
District 13 (D)

Many of you know that I am running for State Representative. As I've spoken with you and

your neighbors (over 1,000 so far) on my walks through the District, there are just a few issues at the top of most people's list.

These issues are not new! Unfortunately, partisan gridlock has prevented the legislature from enacting the common-sense solutions Oregon desperately needs. It is especially frustrating to know that many ideas are not even allowed to be discussed.

I am committed to ending the gridlock and getting Oregon back on track. If you give me the opportunity to serve, I will do my best to ensure that all the people's representatives have a chance to explore a range of ideas in pursuit of the kind of real solutions most of us agree on, such as:

- Health insurance for all children in Oregon and an expanded prescription drug purchasing pool to reduce drug costs for everyone;
- Full funding for education at all levels, from Head Start and kindergarten through community college and the university system. Our kids deserve it, and it's important to prepare young people to fill the roles our businesses need to expand and compete globally;
- Appropriate treatment for drug addicts and mentally ill persons, to prepare them adequately for a constructive role in society, rather than simply catch-and-release.

In my years of public service to the City of Eugene, I have worked hard to be both pragmatic and fair to all the competing interests involved in a decision, remaining keenly aware of the fiscal limitations on budget resources. I believe the same practical approach will work well in Salem, and I would appreciate your vote! www.nancynathanson.com.



Mike Clark
City Council
Ward 5
(non-partisan)

Thank you for taking the time to read this brief note. I want to introduce myself and talk about the reasons I'm running for the Eugene City Council.

Throughout the last dozen years or more, I've worked as a volunteer with a number of local organizations in an effort to try and make Eugene a better place to live, especially for kids. I'm a past president of the Active 20-30 Club, working to raise money for local children's charities. I'm a board member of the Lane County Child Advocacy Center that works to serve abused children and their families. And, for the last couple years I have had the honor to serve on the city's budget committee.

I'm a common sense sort of guy. I believe in limited government, but that local government ought to be the most energetic. At our local city level, I think we ought to refocus some council goals and work harder getting those things accomplished. We have some work to do.

My priorities are pretty simple. Make our public safety system stronger, do a better job of maintaining our transportation system and infrastructure and finally, protect our quality of life.

Please call or write me if you'd like to talk, ask a question, help out on the campaign, or tell me about a concern you'd like to see addressed. My number is 954-6904, or you can send me a note at mdc@cmc.net. Thanks!

Celebrate people-powered transportation

From the City of Eugene



People Power your way through the end of the month and celebrate biking and walking in Eugene at the People Powered Festival on July 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Downtown Park Blocks.

Embrace the great weather and seize the opportunity to commute by a ten-toe-transportation option.

People Powered Festival is sponsored by the City of Eugene, Commuter Solutions, and PeaceHealth to encourage biking and walking in our community.

They work through partnerships with sponsors and community groups such as the Greater Eugene Area Riders club (EugeneGEARS.org), the Eugene Bicycle Coalition (efn.org/~bicycle), Tyler Burgess Walk-with-Me (walk-with-me.com), the Obsidians (obsidians.org), Nearby Nature (nearbynature.org), the Center for Appropriate Transportation (catoregon.org), DIVA (divanow.org) and other great community groups and bicycle racing teams.

For more information, please contact Transportation Options Coordinator Cindy Clarke at 682-5285 or cindy.j.clarke@ci.eugene.or.us.

Pending CY land uses applications

As of June 23, the following were posted at the city website as being proposed, pending land use applications for the Cal Young Neighborhood area. For a complete list of applications visit www.eugene-or.gov and follow these steps:

1. Select "Get Involved in my Neighborhood"
2. Click on "Leaders Council"
3. Select "View Land Use Applications"
4. Go to second search option: "Combination Search"
5. Enter your Ward number (4 or 5)
- 6 Enter "Cal Young" as 'Neighborhood' and hit "Search".

- 1320 Brickley Rd to create 2 parcels
- 2230 Sandy Dr to create 2 parcels
- 3550 Sterling Woods Dr & 1949 Crimson Ave to adjust property line
- 2576, 2580, 2580 1/2 Pioneer Pike to adjust property line
- 885 Willow Ave for 2 parcels, 1 flag lot
- 1330 Brickley Rd to adjust property line
- 1269 Crenshaw Rd for 3 parcels, 1 flag lot
- 1385 Goodpasture Rd to create 3 parcels
- Intersection of Oakway Road & Saint Andrews Dr to create 14-lot residential subdivision
- NW of Coburg Road & east of Oakway Road to conduct traffic impact analysis
- E of Shadow View Drive, S of Tennyson Ave., N of Crescent, W of Lord Byron Pl. to vacate public utility easement
- 2180 Jeppesen Acres Rd to create 3 parcels with two flag lots
- 1695 Monterey Ln to create 2 parcels

Neighborhood Potluck Picnic

Tuesday, August 1 from 6-8 p.m.
Bond Lane Park off Norkenzie Road

Please bring blanket/chairs and plasticware for your family, and a potluck item with serving utensil that corresponds to your last name: A-D soda or juice; E-J salad or side dish; K-S casserole or main dish; T-Z dessert. See front page article for details.